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Subject: Re: Political appointees halted EPA chemical reviews

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"EPA recognizes the importance of conducting IRIS assessments based on sound science – and of conducting them in a timely and transparent manner. That's why the Administrator continues to press for improvements in the IRIS program. These improvements have been noted by both the U.S. Government Accountability Office and the National Academy of Sciences. Because IRIS assessments are major investments in both time, historically two or more years per assessment, and resources, it is important to ensure IRIS program activities are addressing the top priorities for the Agency. To further enable IRIS to meet these needs, EPA instituted a process where programs identified their priorities for IRIS assessments. On August 10, 2018, EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) delivered a memorandum to the Assistant Administrators and their deputies. The programs were asked to identify priorities for future IRIS assessments. ORD did not direct or otherwise restrict the programs but rather allowed each program to select priorities based on their own unique set of circumstances. After these priorities with proper signatures were received, a summary memo was sent on December 4, 2018, announcing the eleven chemicals for priority IRIS assessment. The list was then announced to the public via the Agency's website. EPA's ORD has noted to the programs that it will annually solicit assessment requests." – **Michael Abboud, EPA spokesman**

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 5, 2019, at 7:43 AM, Orme-Zavaleta, Jennifer <Orme-Zavaleta.Jennifer@epa.gov> wrote:

I like this better

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From: Abboud, Michael
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 5:52 PM
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How about these changes,

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Thanks.

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Just talked with David, we made some edits below.

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On Mar 4, 2019, at 4:51 PM, Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov> wrote:

The last paragraph of background describes the process- see below.

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On Mar 4, 2019, at 4:30 PM, Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov> wrote:

Here's our statement:

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Thanks Nancy for raising this

Carolyn, can start a response?

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EPA political leaders halted significant work at a key chemical research office last year, delaying scientific reviews of the health risks of substances such as formaldehyde, according to a new report from the Government Accountability Office.

"EPA leadership deliberations about the program's priorities that took place from June through December 2018 delayed the program's assessment production," GAO said in a report about EPA's Integrated Risk Information System, or IRIS.

Political leaders told IRIS program officials to not publish "any assessment documentation" while they reconsidered IRIS's priorities. That held up a number of assessments and other documents from proceeding through internal, public or peer review, GAO said.

A December 2018 memo listed 11 chemicals for IRIS to study, down from the previous list of 22 chemicals. The memo "gave no reason for the reduction" and didn't say if the number would ever increase. GAO said it did not have a chance to review how EPA had prioritized the chemicals named in the memo. It also noted that delaying IRIS reviews often means already completed work becomes outdated and must be re-done.

EPA defended the delay, saying that in the long term it would ensure that program office priorities are being addressed.

But GAO dinged EPA's process. "Because EPA did not identify the basis for program offices to select priorities or the reason for limiting the number of chemicals to assess, the process was not transparent, leaving room for uncertainty," the report said.

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